

A bill for an act
relating to health; requiring state funding for investigation of tuberculosis cases;
amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144.4812.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144.4812, is amended to read:

144.4812 COSTS OF CARE.

(a) The costs incurred by the treatment facility and other providers of services to
diagnose or treat the carrier for tuberculosis must be borne by the carrier, the carrier's
health plan, or public programs. During the period of insurance coverage, a health plan
may direct the implementation of the care required by the health order or court order
and shall pay at the contracted rate of payment, which shall be considered payment in
full. Inpatient hospital services required by the health order or court order and covered
by medical assistance or general assistance medical care are not billable to any other
governmental entity. If the carrier cannot pay for treatment, and the carrier does not have
public or private health insurance coverage, the carrier shall apply for financial assistance
with the aid of the county. For persons not otherwise eligible for public assistance, the
commissioner of human services shall determine what, if any, costs the carrier shall pay.
The commissioner of human services shall make payments at the general assistance
medical care rate, which will be considered payment in full.

(b) The state shall reimburse local public health departments for the total cost
of investigating tuberculosis cases and providing supervision of treatment and care to
individuals with tuberculosis.